

Leviticus 26:2 **Sabbaths and God's Sanctuary require Holy Reverence**

2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

SABBATHS

- ✧ God has established His Sabbaths for our benefit.
 - ✧ The Sabbath days are Holy Days to God.
 - ✧ These days of rest are given to enable us to take time from our hectic schedule of busyness to relax and meditate on the wonderful works of God and His loving care for all of His creation of which we are a part.
 - ✧ Therefore, God said, 'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. [Exodus 20:8]
- ✧ Sabbath was established originally by example, for the benefit of mankind. [Genesis 2:2-3, Mark 2:27]
- ✧ Sabbath Day reestablished with the death penalty for disobedience. [Exodus 35:1-3, Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 16:23-30, 20:8-11, 23:12, 31:12-17, 34:21]
- ✧ God is very serious about us receiving one day in seven to rest and to remember Him.
- ✧ There is a very clear purpose in the Sabbath, as God expressed when He said, "Hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, **that you may know that I am the LORD your God.**" [Ezekiel 20:20]
- ✧ The Sabbath was given as a sign between God and man throughout all generations for the purpose; "**That you may know that I am Yehowah Who sanctifies you.**" [Exodus 31:13]
 - ✧ God wants us to use the seventh day to reflect on the God of Creation and know that it is He Who sets us apart from all the rest of creation to know Him.

SANCTUARY

- ✧ God calls us to reverence His Sanctuary.
 - ✧ The Sanctuary is the place on earth that represents the presence of God Most High.
 - ✧ The place of God's presence must be regarded as Holy. God said to Moses at the Burning Bush, "Remove the shoes from off your feet for the place whereon you are standing is Holy Ground." [Exodus 19:30, Leviticus 26:2]
- ✧ Whatever bears the name of Yehowah and represents His presence, is holy and requires respect and reverence.
- ✧ God wants His people to be serious in our relationship with Him, and not treat holy things carelessly.
- ✧ Remember how the priests who were invited to go up the mountain where they saw the God of Israel and ate and drank before Him, when they were careless about the fire they used to burn incense to Yehowah, suddenly died by the fire of God for their disrespectful act. [Exodus 24:1 and 24:9-11, Leviticus 10:1-3]